

coating, a zinc alloy coating, a nickel coating, a nickel alloy, a tin coating or a tin alloy coating.

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7. (Amended) A steel wire according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate coating is a coating such as a cooper-tin sulfate coating or a copper-sulfate coating.

10. (Amended) A method according to claim 8, said method further comprising the step of coloring said polymer.

11. (Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein said giving of a degree of brightness to said intermediate coating is done by wet drawing the coated steel wire.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein said further coating with a polymer is done by an extrusion process.